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Re: Notice of Violation and Intent to File Suit under the Clean Water Act

To Whom It May Concern:

Brodsky & Smith, LLC ("Brodsky Smith") represents Luke Delgadillo Garcia ("Garcia") a citizen of the State of California. This letter is to give notice that Brodsky Smith, on Garcia's behalf, intends to file a civil action against Miller Castings, Inc. ("Miller Castings") for violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq. ("Clean Water Act" or "CWA") at Miller Castings' facilities located at 12251 Coast Drive, Whittier, CA 90601 (the "Coast Drive Facility") and 2503 Pacific Park Dr., Whittier, CA 90601 (the "Pacific Park Facility")(collectively, the "Facilities").

Garcia is a citizen of the State of California who is concerned with the environmental health of the San Gabriel River, and uses and enjoys the waters of the San Gabriel River, its inflows, and other areas of the overall San Gabriel River Watershed. Garcia's use and enjoyment of these waters are negatively affected by the pollution caused by Miller Castings' operations. Additionally, Garcia acts in the interest of the general public to prevent pollution in these waterways, for the benefit of their ecosystems, and for the benefits of all individuals and communities who use these waterways for various recreational, educational, and spiritual purposes.

This letter addresses Miller Castings' unlawful discharge of pollutants from the Facilities via indirect flow into the San Gabriel River. Specifically, investigation of the Facilities has uncovered significant, ongoing, and continuous violations of the CWA and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Permit No CAS000001 [State Water Resources Control Board] Water Quality Orders No. 2014-0057-DWQ (the "Industrial Stormwater Permit") and 92-12-DWQ (as amended by Order No. 97-03-DWQ) (the "Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit").

CWA section 505(b) requires that sixty (60) days prior to the initiation of a civil action under CWA section 505(a), a citizen must give notice of his or her intent to file suit. 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b). Notice must be given to the alleged violator, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the State in which the violations occur. As required by section 505(b), this Notice of Violation and Intent to File Suit provides notice to Miller Castings of the violations that have occurred and which continue to occur at the Facilities. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice of Violation and the Intent to File Suit, Garcia intends to file suit in federal court against Miller Castings under CWA section 505(a) for the violations described more fully below.

During the 60-day notice period, Garcia is willing to discuss effective remedies for the violations noticed in this letter. We suggest that Miller Castings contact Garcia's attorneys at Brodsky & Smith within the next twenty (20) days so that these discussions may be completed by the conclusion of the 60-day notice period. Please note that we do not intend to delay the filing of a complaint in federal court, and service of the complaint shortly thereafter, even if discussions are continuing when the notice period ends.

I. THE LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

A. The Facilities

Miller Castings' Facilities are located at 12251 Coast Drive and 2503 Pacific Park Dr. in Whittier, California. At the Facilities, Miller Castings manufactures nickel, cobalt, steel, and aluminum castings used in the aerospace and industrial gas turbine industries. At the Facilities, the following industrial activities occur: (i) wax casting injection molding; (ii) use of air compressors; (iii) use and storage of caustic chemicals; (iv) waste and product material storage; (v) metal foundry related activities; (vi) metal grinding and finishing; (vii) storage of hazardous waste; (viii) intake and delivery of products and other materials; (ix) welding; (x) x-ray processing. Other activities carried out in the regular course of business at the Facilities include storage of fuel and other oils, maintenance, equipment storage, and waste storage. Repair and maintenance activities carried out at the Facilities include, but are not limited to, electrical, plumbing, roofing, asphalt, concrete, and utilities repairs as well as janitorial duties. Possible pollutants from the Facilities include total suspended solids ("TSS"), waste oils, lubricants, fuel, trash, debris, hazardous materials, chemical oxygen demand ("COD"), oil and grease, pH, heavy metals, such as aluminum, iron, copper, zinc, and other pollutants. Stormwater from the Facilities discharges, indirectly, into the San Gabriel River.

B. The Affected Water

The San Gabriel River and overall San Gabriel River Watershed are waters of the United States. The CWA requires that water bodies such as the San Gabriel River, and overall San Gabriel River Watershed meet water quality objectives that protect specific "beneficial uses." The beneficial uses of the San Gabriel River and overall San Gabriel River Watershed include commercial and sport fishing, estuarine habitat, fish migration, navigation, preservation of rare and endangered species, water contact and noncontact recreation, shellfish harvesting, fish spawning, and wildlife habitat. Contaminated stormwater from the Facilities adversely affects the water quality of the San Gabriel River and overal! San Gabriel River

¹ On April 1, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an updated NPDES General Permit for Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, Water Quality Order No. 2014-57-DWQ, which has taken force or effect on its effective date of July 1, 2015. As of the effective date, Water Quality Order No. 2014-57-DWQ has superseded and rescinded the prior Industrial Stormwater Permit except for purposes of enforcement actions brought pursuant to the prior permit.

Watershed, and threatens the beneficial uses and ecosystem of these watersheds, which includes habitats for threatened and endangered species.

II. THE FACILITIES'S VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

It is unlawful to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States, such as the San Gabriel River, without an NPDES permit or in violation of the terms and conditions of an NPDES permit. CWA § 301(a), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a); see also CWA § 402(p), 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p) (requiring NPDES permit issuance for the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activities). The Industrial Stormwater Permit authorizes certain discharges of stormwater, conditioned on compliance with its terms.

Miller Castings has submitted a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to be authorized to discharge stormwater from the Facilities under the Industrial Stormwater Permit since at least 2010 and 2013, for the Pacific Park and Coast Drive Facilities, respectively. However, information available to Garcia indicates that stormwater discharges from the Facilities have violated several terms of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA. Apart from discharges that comply with the Industrial Stormwater Permit, the Facilities lacks NPDES permit authorization for any other discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States.

A. Discharges in Excess of BAT/BCT Levels

The Effluent Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit prohibit the discharge of pollutants from the Facilities in concentrations above the level commensurate with the application of best available technology economically achievable ("BAT") for toxic pollutants² and best conventional pollutant control technology ("BCT") for conventional pollutants.³ Industrial Stormwater Permit § I(D)(32), II(D)(2); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part B(3). The EPA has published Benchmark values set at the maximum pollutant concentration present if an industrial Facilities is employing BAT and BCT, as listed in Attachment 1 to this letter.⁴

Additionally, the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit notes that effluent limitation guidelines for several named industrial categories have been established and codified by the Federal Government. *See* Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit pp. VIII. The Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit mandates that for facilities that fall within such industrial categories, compliance with the listed BAT and BCT for the specified pollutants listed therein must be met in order to be in compliance with the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. *Id.* Miller Castings falls within these named industrial categories and it must have complied with the effluent limitations found therein in order to have been in compliance with the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit during its effective period. In addition, the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to comply with Effluent Limitations "consistent with U.S. EPA's 2008 Multi Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (the "2008 MSGP")". *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § I(D)(33). The 2008 MSGP has specific numeric effluent limitations based upon Stand Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes. Notably, the Miller Castings Facilities are classified as falling under SIC code 3324, relating to Iron and Steel Foundries, requiring them to be within numerical effluent limitations for (i) Total Aluminum; (ii) Total Suspended Solids (TSS); (iii) Total Copper; (iv) Total Iron; and (v) Total Zinc. Based on Miller Castings' self-reporting data and/or lack thereof, Miller Castings

² BAT is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 437.1 *et seq*. Toxic pollutants are listed at 40 C.F.R. § 401.15 and include copper, lead, and zinc, among others.

³ BCT is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 437.1 *et seq*. Conventional pollutants are listed at 40 C.F.R. § 401.16 and include BOD, TSS, oil and grease, pH, and fecal coliform.

⁴ The Benchmark values are part of the EPA's Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP") and can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/npdes.pubs/msgp2008_finalpermit.pdf. See 73 Fed. Reg. 56, 572 (Sept. 29, 2008) (Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Industrial Activities).

has not met this requirement and was in violation of the Previous Stormwater Permit over a period of approximately five (5) years.

Miller Castings' self-reporting of industrial stormwater discharges show a pattern of exceedances of Benchmark values and/or failure to adequately numerical pollutant discharge values in every instance of self-reporting. See Attachment 2. This pattern of exceedances of benchmark values and lack of self-reporting indicate that Miller Castings has failed and is failing to employ measures that constitute BAT and BCT in violation of the requirements of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. Garcia alleges and notifies Miller Castings that its stormwater discharges from the Facilities have consistently contained and continue to contain levels of pollutants that exceed Benchmark Values for Total Aluminum, TSS, Total Copper, Total Iron, and/or Total Zinc in every Annual Reporting Period in which effluent testing from the Facilities was submitted for the previous five (5) years.

Miller Castings' ongoing discharges of stormwater containing levels of pollutants above EPA Benchmark values and BAT and BCT based levels of control also demonstrate that Miller Castings has not developed and implemented sufficient Best Management Practices ("BMPs") at the Facilities. Proper BMPs could include, but are not limited to, moving certain pollution-generating activities under cover or indoors capturing and effectively filtering or otherwise treating all stormwater prior to discharge, frequent sweeping to reduce build-up of pollutants on-site, installing filters on downspouts and storm drains, and other similar measures.

Miller Castings' failure to develop and/or implement adequate pollution controls to meet BAT and BCT and the Facilities violates and will continue to violate the CWA and the Industrial Stormwater Permit each and every day Miller Castings' discharges stormwater without meeting BAT/BCT. Garcia alleges that Miller Castings has discharged stormwater containing excessive levels of pollutants from the Facilities to the San Gabriel River during at least every significant local rain event over 0.2 inches in the last five (5) years. Attachment 3 compiles all dates in the last five (5) years when a significant rain event occurred. Miller Castings is subject to civil penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA within the past five (5) years.

B. Discharges Impairing Receiving Waters

The Industrial Stormwater Permit's Discharge Prohibitions disallow stormwater discharges that cause or threaten to cause pollution, contamination, or nuisance. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § III; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part A(2). The Industrial Stormwater Permit also prohibits stormwater discharges to surface or groundwater that adversely impact human health or the environment. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § VI(b)-(c); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part C(1). Receiving Water Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit prohibit stormwater discharges that cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable Water Quality Standards ("WQS") contained in a Statewide Water Quality Control Plan or the applicable Regional Water Board's Basin Plan. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit § VI(a); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit at Order Part C(2). Applicable WQS are set forth in the California Toxic Rule ("CTR")⁶ and Chapter 3 of the Los Angeles Region (Region 4) Water Quality Control Plan (the "Basin Plan").⁷ *See* Attachment 1. Exceedances of WQS are violations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, the CTR, and the Basin Plan.

⁵ Significant local rain events are reflected in the rain gauge data available at: http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search.

⁶ The CTR is set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 131.38 and is explained in the Federal Register preamble accompanying the CTR promulgation set forth at 65 Fed. Reg. 31, 682 (May 18, 2000).

⁷ The Basin Plan is published by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles-water_issues/programs/basin_plan/basin_plan_documentation.s http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles-water_issues/programs/basin_plan/basin_plan_documentation.s

The Basin Plan establishes WQS for all Inland Surface and Coastal waters of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including but not limited to the following:

- Waters shall not contain suspended or settleable material in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial users.
- Waters shall be free of changes in turbidity that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial
 uses. Increases in natural turbidity attributable to controllable water quality factors shall not
 exceed 20% where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 nephelometric turbidity units
 ("NTU"), and shall not exceed 10% where the natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU.
- All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are toxic to, or that produce detrimental physiological responses in, human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.
- Surface waters shall not contain concentrations of chemical constituents in amounts that adversely affect any designated beneficial use.

Garcia alleges that Miller Castings' stormwater discharges have caused or contributed to exceedances of Receiving Water Limitations in the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the WQS set forth in the Basin Plan and CTR. These allegations are based on Miller Castings' self-reported data submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. These sampling results indicate that Miller Castings' discharges are causing or threatening to cause pollution, contamination, and/or nuisance; adversely impacting human health or the environment; and violating applicable WQS. For example, Miller Castings' sampling results indicate exceedances of WQS for Total Aluminum, TSS, Total Copper, Total Iron, and/or Total Zinc. See Attachment 2.

Garcia alleges that each day that Miller Castings has discharged stormwater from the Facilities, Miller Castings' stormwater has and/or may have contained levels of pollutants that exceeded one or more of the Receiving Water Limitations and/or applicable WQS in the San Gabriel River. Garcia alleges that Miller Castings has discharged stormwater exceeding Receiving Water Limitations and/or WQS from the Facilities to the San Gabriel River during at least every significant local rain event over 0.2 inches in the last five (5) years. See Attachment 3. Each discharge from the Facilities that violates a Receiving Water Limitation or has caused or contributed, or caused or contributes, to an exceedance of an applicable WQS constitutes a separate violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA Miller Castings is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA within the past five (5) years.

C. Failure to Develop and Implement an Adequate Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to develop and implement an adequate Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP"). See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(B); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § A(1)(a). The Industrial Stormwater Permit also requires dischargers to make all necessary revisions to existing SWPPPs promptly. See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(B); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit at Order Part E(2).

The SWPPP must include, among other requirements, the following: a site map, a list of significant materials handled and stored at the site, a description and assessment of all Miller Castings pollutant sources, a description of the BMPs that will reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater discharges, specification of BMPs designed to reduce pollutant discharge to BAT and BCT levels, a comprehensive site compliance evaluation completed each reporting year, and revisions to the SWPPP within 90 days after a Facilities manager determines that the SWPPP is in violation of any requirements of the Industrial Stormwater Permit. See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § X(A); Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit Section § A.

Based on information available to Garcia, Miller Castings has failed to prepare and/or implement an adequate SWPPP and/or failed to revise the SWPPP to satisfy each of the requirements of § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or § A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit. For Example, Miller Castings SWPPP does not include and/or Miller Castings has not implemented adequate BMPs designed to reduce pollutant levels in discharges to BAT and BCT levels in accordance with Section A(8) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, as evidenced by the data in Attachment 2.

Accordingly, Miller Castings has violated the CWA each and every day that it has failed to develop and/or implement an adequate SWPPP meeting all of the requirements of § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or § A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, and Miller Castings will continue to be in violation every day until it develops and implements an adequate SWPPP. Miller Castings is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA occurring within the past five (5) years.

D. Failure to Develop and Implement an Adequate Monitoring and Reporting Program and to Perform Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluations

The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires Facilities operators to develop and implement a Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MRP"). See Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(1) and Order Part E(3). The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires that MRP ensure that each the Facilities's stormwater discharges comply with the Discharge Prohibitions, Effluent Limitations, and Receiving Water Limitations specified in the Industrial Stormwater Permit. Id. Facilities operators must ensure that their MRP practices reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater and authorized non-stormwater discharges as well as evaluate and revise their practices to meet changing conditions at the Facilities. Id. This may include revising the SWPPP as required by § X(A) of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and/or §A Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit.

The MRP must measure the effectiveness of BMPs used to prevent or reduce pollutants in stormwater and authorized non-stormwater discharges, and Facilities operators must revise the MRP whenever appropriate. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § at Section B. The Industrial Stormwater Permit requires Facilities operators to visually observe and collect samples of stormwater discharges from all drainage areas. *Id.* Facilities operators are also required to provide an explanation of monitoring methods describing how the Facilities's monitoring program will satisfy these objectives. *Id.*

Miller Castings has been operating the Facilities with an inadequately developed and/or inadequately implemented MRP, in violation of the substantive and procedural requirements set forth in Section B of the Industrial Stormwater permit. For example, the data in Attachment 2 indicates that Miller Castings' monitoring program has not ensured that stormwater dischargers are in compliance with the Discharge Prohibitions, Effluent Limitations, and Receiving Water Limitations of the Industrial Stormwater Permit as required by the Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B. The monitoring has not resulted in practices at the Facilities that adequately reduce or prevent pollutants in stormwater as required by Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B. Additionally, the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires dischargers to comply with Effluent Limitations "consistent with U.S. EPA's 2008 Multi Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (the "2008 MSGP")". The 2008 MSGP has specific numeric effluent limitations based upon Stand Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes. Notably, the Miller Castings Facilities are classified as falling under SIC code 3324, relating to Iron and Steel Foundries, requiring them to be within numerical effluent limitations for (i) Total Aluminum; (ii) Total Suspended Solids (TSS); (iii) Total Copper; (iv) Total Iron; and (v) Total Zinc. As previously stated, and in clear violation of the terms of the Industrial Stormwater Permit, Miller Castings has reported exceedances for all applicable effluent limitation in all of their annual reports containing effluent testing for the past five (5) annual reporting periods. See Attachments 2, 3. Therefore, the data in Attachment 2 indicates that Miller Castings' monitoring program has not effectively identified or responded to compliance problems at the Facilities or resulted in effective revision of the BMPs in use or the Facilities's SWPPP to address such

ongoing problems as required by Industrial Stormwater Permit, § XI and/or the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B.

As a part of the MRP, the Industrial Stormwater Permit specifies that Facilities operators shall collect a total of four (4) stormwater samples throughout an annual reporting period. Specifically the Industrial Stormwater Permit requires, "The discharger to collect and analyze samples from two (2) Qualifying Storm Events ('QSE's) within the first half of each reporting year (July 1 to December 31), and two (2) QSEs within the second half of each reporting year (January 1 to June 30)." Industrial Stormwater Permit § XI B(2). Furthermore, should Facilities operators fail to collect samples from the first storm event of the wet season, they are still required to collect samples from two other storm events during the wet season, and explain in the annual report why the first storm event was not sampled. *Id.* Despite this requirement Miller Castings has failed to report any effluent testing information in the 2013-2014 annual reporting period for the Coast Drive Facility and has failed to report any effluent testing information in the 2013-2014, 2012-2013, and 2011-2012 reporting periods for the Pacific Park Facility, in violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit. Additionally, Miller Castings has failed to adequately explain why such sampling was not included.

The Industrial Stormwater Permit also requires dischargers to include laboratory reports with their Annual Reports submitted to the Regional Board. *See* Industrial Stormwater Permit, Fact Sheet § O and/or Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(14). Notably, Miller Castings has failed to submit any laboratory reports for any effluent testing information in the 2013-2014 annual reporting period for the Coast Drive Facility and has failed to submit any laboratory reports for any effluent testing information in the 2013-2014, 2012-2013, and 2011-2012 reporting periods for the Pacific Park Facility, in violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit. Additionally, Miller Castings has failed to adequately explain why such sampling was not included.

As a result of Miller Castings' failure to adequately develop and/or implement an adequate MRP at the Facilities, Miller Castings has been in daily and continuous violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA each and every day for the past five (5) years. These violations are ongoing. Miller Castings will continue to be in violation of the monitoring and reporting requirement each day that Miller Castings fails to adequately develop and/or implement an effective MRP at the Facilities. Miller Castings is subject to penalties for each violation of the Industrial Stormwater Permit and the CWA occurring for the last five (5) years.

E. Unpermitted Discharges

Section 301(a) of the CWA prohibits the discharge of any pollutant into waters of the United States unless the discharge is authorized by a NPDES Permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA. See 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a), 1342. Miller Castings sought coverage for the Facilities under the Industrial Stormwater Permit, which states that any discharge from an industrial Facilities not in compliance with the Industrial Stormwater Permit "must be either eliminated or permitted by a separate NPDES permit." Industrial Stormwater Permit, § III; Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, Order Part A(1). Because Miller Castings has not obtained coverage under a separate NPDES permit and has failed to eliminate discharges not permitted by the Industrial Stormwater Permit, each and every discharge from the Facilities described herein not in compliance with the Industrial Stormwater Permit has constituted and will continue to constitute a discharge without CWA Permit coverage in violation of section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a)

IV. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATIONS

Miller Castings, Inc., is the person responsible of the violations at the Facilities described above.

⁸ Under the Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit, only two samplings per year was required, specifically, from "the first hour of discharge from (1) the first storm event of the wet season, and (2) at least one other storm event in the wet season." See Previous Industrial Stormwater Permit § B(5)(a).

V. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOTICING PARTY

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VII. REMEDIES

Garcia intends, at the close of the 60-day notice period or thereafter, to file a citizen suit under CWA section 505(a) against Miller Castings for the above-referenced violations. Garcia will seek declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent further CWA violations pursuant to CWA sections 505(a) and (d), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a) and (d), and such other relief as permitted by law. In addition, Garcia will seek civil penalties pursuant to CWA section 309(d), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(d), and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, against Miller Castings in this action. The CWA imposes civil penalty liability of up to \$37,500 per day per violation for violations occurring after January 12, 2009. 33 U.S.C. § 1319(d); 40 C.F.R. § 19.4. Garcia will seek to recover attorneys' fees, experts' fees, and costs in accordance with CWA section 505(d), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d).

As noted above, Garcia and his Counsel are willing to meet with you during the 60-day notice period to discuss effective remedies for the violations noted in this letter. Please contact me to initiate these discussions.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1: EPA BENCHMARKS AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGES TO FRESHWATER

A. EPA Benchmarks, 2008 Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP")

Parameter	Units	Benchmark Value	Source
Total Aluminum	Mg/L	0.75	2008 MSGP
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Mg/L	100	2008 MSGP
Total Copper	Mg/L	0.0038-0.0332*	2008 MSGP
Total Iron	Mg/L	1.0	2008 MSGP
Total Zinc	Mg/L	0.04-0.26*	2008 MSGP
Nitrate plus Nitrite Nitrogen	Mg/L	0.68	2008 MSGP

^{*}Dependent on freshwater hardness range.

B. Water Quality Standards – Discharge Limitations and Monitoring Requirements (40 CFR Part 131.38 (California Toxics Rule or CTR), May 18, 2000)

Parameter	Units	Water Qualit	Source	
		4- Day Average	1-Hr Average	
Lead	Mg/L	0.0081	0.21	40 CFR Part 131.38
Zinc	Mg/L	0.081	0.090	40 CFR Part 131.38

ATTACHMENT 2: TABLE OF EXCEEDENCES FOR MILLER CASTINGS, INC.

A. COAST DRIVE FACILITY

The following table contains each stormwater sampling result from Miller Castings' Coast Drive Facility which exceeds EPA Benchmarks and/or causes or contributes to an exceedance of CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards. All EPA Benchmarks and CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards are listed in Attachment 1. All stormwater samples were reported by the Facility during the past five (5) years.

Reporting Period	Sample Date	Parameter	Result	Unit	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	TSS	159	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Copper, Total	0.104	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Zinc, Total	0.760	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Aluminum, Total	2.55	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Iron, Total	1.17	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Copper, Total	0.0884	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Zinc, Total	0.682	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Aluminum, Total	1.67	Mg/L	
2015-2016	01/05/2016	Copper, Total	0.0613	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	TSS	172	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Iron, Total	1.34	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Copper, Total	0.0957	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Zinc, Total	0.790	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Aluminum, Total	2.98	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Zinc, Total	0.323	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Copper, Total	0.071	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Zinc, Total	0.419	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Copper, Total	0.110	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Zinc, Total	0.481	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Aluminum, Total	1.14	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Copper, Total	0.116	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Iron, Total	1.36	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Zinc, Total	0.549	Mg/L	
2013-2014	NO TESTI	NG RESULTS REPOR	TED FOR ANY		

^{*} Miller Castings failed to supply testing results or laboratory reports from the Coast Drive Facility for any effluent parameter in the 2013-2014 Annual Reporting period as required by the Industrial Stormwater Permit.

B. PACIFIC PARK FACILITY

The following table contains each stormwater sampling result from Miller Castings' Pacific Park Facility which exceeds EPA Benchmarks and/or causes or contributes to an exceedance of CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards. All EPA Benchmarks and CFR and/or Basin Plan Water Quality Standards are listed in Attachment 1. All stormwater samples were reported by the Facility during the past five (5) years.

Reporting Period	Sample Date	Parameter	Result	Unit	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Iron, Total	1.14	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Copper, Total	0.0704	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Zinc, Total	0.422	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Aluminum, Total	3.51	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Copper, Total	0.0561	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Zinc, Total	0.374	Mg/L	
2015-2016	05/06/2016	Aluminum, Total	1.01	Mg/L	
2015-2016	03/07/2016	Zinc, Total	0.408	Mg/L	
2015-2016	03/07/2016	Copper, Total	0.0553	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Copper, Total	0.0641	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Zinc, Total	0.415	Mg/L	
2015-2016	02/17/2016	Aluminum, Total	1.64	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	TSS	318	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Iron, Total	2.73	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	TSS	314	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Iron, Total	3.13	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Copper, Total	0.178	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Zinc, Total	1.07	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Aluminum, Total	6.95	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Copper, Total	0.112	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Zinc, Total	0.869	Mg/L	
2015-2016	10/05/2015	Aluminum, Total	7.22	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Iron, Total	1.05	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Iron, Total	1.72	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Copper, Total	0.0919	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Zinc, Total	0.345	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Aluminum, Total	1.32	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Copper, Total	0.0906	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Zinc, Total	0.875	Mg/L	
2015-2016	09/15/2015	Aluminum, Total	2.13	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Copper, Total	0.151	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Zinc, Total	0.287	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	TSS	148	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Aluminum, Total	1.49	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Copper, Total	0.089	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Iron, Total	1.94	Mg/L	
2014-2015	05/08/2015	Zinc, Total	0.619	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Aluminum, Total	2.02	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Copper, Total	0.125	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Iron, Total	1.67	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Zinc, Total	0.685	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Copper, Total	0.051	Mg/L	
2014-2015	12/02/2014	Zinc, Total	0.292	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	TSS	183	Mg/L	
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Aluminum, Total	0.778	Mg/L	

2014-2015	11/01/2014	Copper, Total	0.088	Mg/L
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Zinc, Total	0.497	Mg/L
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Aluminum, Total	0.832	Mg/L
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Copper, Total	0.114	Mg/L
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Iron, Total	1.09	Mg/L
2014-2015	11/01/2014	Zinc, Total	0.725	Mg/L
2013-2014	NO TEST	NG RESULTS REPO	RTED FOR ANY	PARAMETER
2012-2013	NO TESTING RESULTS REPORTED FOR ANY PARAMETER			
2011-2012	NO TEST	NG RESULTS REPO	RTED FOR ANY	PARAMETER

^{*} Miller Castings failed to supply testing results or laboratory reports from the Pacific Park Facility for any effluent parameter in the 2013-2014, 2012-2013, or 2011-2012 Annual Reporting periods as required by the Industrial Stormwater Permit.

ATTACHMENT 3: ALLEGED DATES OF EXCEEDANCES BY MILLER CASTINGS INC. January 1, 2011 – August 12, 2016

Days with precipitation two-tenths of an inch or greater, as reported by NOAA's National Climatic Data Center, Station: Whittier 2.9 WNW, CA US, GHCND:US1CALA0010, when a stormwater discharge from the Facilities is likely to have occurred. http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1/3	1/21	1/24	2/3	1/11	1/5
1/31	1/24	1/25	2/8	2/23	1/7
2/16	2/16	1/26	2/27	3/2	2/1
2/19	3/18	2/9	2/28	4/8	2/18
2/20	3/26	2/20	3/1	5/8	3/6
2/26	4/11	3/8	3/2	5/15	3/8
3/21	4/14	5/5	4/25	7/23	3/12
3/22	4/25	11/30	11/1	9/15	5/6
3/24	10/12		12/1	12/20	5/7
3/25	11/30		12/3	12/22	
5/18	12/1		12/4		
10/5	12/3		12/13		GRAS.
10/6	12/13		12/17		201.20
11/4	12/24				
11/6	12/26				
11/21	12/30				
12/13					